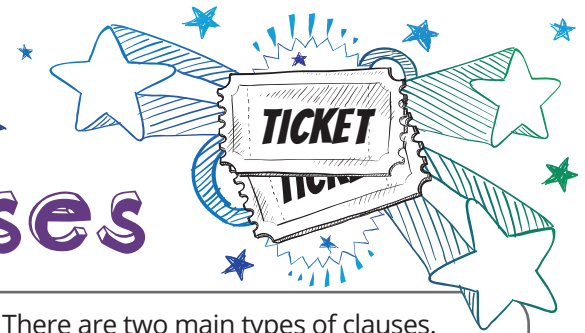


Dependent and Independent Clauses



A **clause** is a group of words that contains both a subject and a predicate. There are two main types of clauses.

An **independent clause** is a complete thought.
It can stand alone as a sentence.

A **dependent clause** is not a complete thought.
It cannot stand alone as a sentence.

Although the tickets were expensive, the amazing show was definitely worth the price.

dependent clause

independent clause

A **complex sentence** is made up of an independent clause and a dependent clause. In a complex sentence, the dependent clause usually starts with a subordinating conjunction such as *after*, *although*, *as*, *because*, *before*, *if*, *since*, *unless*, *until*, *when*, or *while*. It might also start with a relative pronoun such as *that*, *which*, or *who*.

Directions: Underline the dependent clause and highlight the independent clause in each complex sentence.

1. As the lights dim, the actors on the stage hold their positions before racing off stage.
2. Maisey sat restlessly on the bench while she waited for the train to arrive.
3. Physical exercise and local entertainment are activities that people have used as stress-reducers for over a century.
4. Although the piano player is well known, he was not asked to play at the event this Saturday evening.
5. Before Chadwick Boseman began his acting career, he studied directing at Howard University.
6. Since the overall demand of leather shoes has decreased, the supply will probably go down.
7. I need to return to the store because I forgot an essential ingredient for our Hawaiian pizza.
8. When Savannah records events and reminders in her planner, she is more organized for the week ahead.
9. As soon as we crossed the bridge, we saw the picturesque view of the sun's rays sparkling on the water.
10. Jayson, who was intrigued by the introduction video, decided to enroll in the leadership training program.
11. We walked on the boardwalk until the thunderous clouds rolled in.
12. The team's chances of making the playoffs increased dramatically when their division rivals lost five games in a row.
13. Because airline travel is expensive for a family of five, we usually cram into our family vehicle for road trips.
14. Each year, around three million people visit Mount Rushmore, which is a colossal sculpture carved into granite in the Black Hills in South Dakota.